

January 5, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communication, PS Docket 11-15

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 4, 2012, Brian Josef and Rick Kemper, CTIA – The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”), along with Jim Bugel, AT&T, Ray Rothermel, Sprint Nextel, Chris Wieczorek, T-Mobile, and Andy Lachance, Verizon Wireless, met with Jennifer Manner, Gene Fullano, Rasoul Safavian, Bob Pavlak and Bill Lane, all of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, to discuss the Commission’s interest in Deployable Aerial Communications Architectures (“DACA”).

During the meeting, CTIA explained that wireless providers share the Commission’s goal of quickly restoring communications to protect life and property when disaster strikes. CTIA noted that as the Commission considers DACA as a potential short-term solution to communications outages in disaster areas, it should ensure that any initiatives in this area avoid undermining commercial wireless providers’ business continuity / disaster recovery efforts.

The parties discussed the need to carefully examine the feasibility challenges and opportunities presented by DACA solutions, as well as attendant costs and benefits. CTIA discussed the importance of recognizing the immense coordination challenges stemming from any use of commercial spectrum in DACA deployments, particularly in the immediate aftermath of an event, when all company resources are focused on restoration efforts. CTIA also stressed the need to have a full understanding of what services a DACA deployment would seek to restore, as it necessarily would impact any evaluation of capacity expectations, technical routing considerations and device capabilities and limitations.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian M. Josef

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cc: Jennifer Manner
Gene Fullano
Rasoul Safavian
Bob Pavlak
Bill Lane